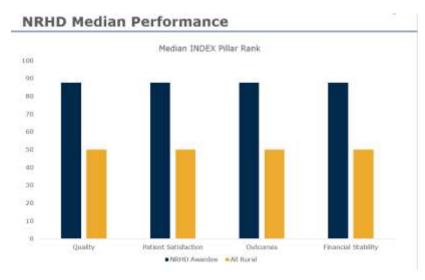


iVantage Health Analytics Celebrates National Rural Health Day with Performance Excellence Awards for Rural Facilities Nationwide

Portland ME, November 17, 2016 – <u>iVantage Health Analytics</u> (iVantage), a leading provider of performance management analytic tools for hospitals and health systems, announced today on <u>National Rural Health Day</u>, the results of their analysis of rural hospital performance for the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) Performance Excellence Awards.

The results have been determined through the Hospital Strength INDEX, the industry's most objective and comprehensive assessment of rural hospital performance. In partnership with NOSORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed this data-driven program to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care. The recognized facilities reached top quartile performance status in Quality, Outcomes, Patient Satisfaction, and Financial Strength.



"National Rural Health Day gives us the opportunity to 'celebrate the power of rural,' along with state offices and rural communities across the country, said Michael Topchik, National Leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health. "The 2016 Performance Excellence Award recipients demonstrate stronger

overall performance on the Hospital Strength INDEX than their rural peers across the country, scoring nearly 15 points above the national median."

Nearly 1,300 rural hospitals have been recognized in one or more categories of performance. Of these, 40% are in the Midwest and an additional 22% are in the Southeast. The Southwest and Northwest each represent 16% of all award recipients while the remaining 6% are in the Northeast. Over one hundred rural hospitals are recognized in three award categories, with 28 providers recognized for top performance across all four areas.

About iVantage Health Analytics

iVantage Health Analytics (iVantage) is a leading provider of healthcare analytic and performance management analytic tools. Health system and hospital leadership teams across the country rely on the company's software and services to deliver customized insights on clinical and financial performance, strategic planning, market assessment and payment optimization. iVantage is part of The Chartis Group, a national advisory services firm dedicated to the healthcare industry. The Chartis Center for Rural Health (CCRH) was formed in 2016 to offer tailored services, performance management solutions, research and education to rural hospitals and facilities. Learn more at Chartisrural.com.

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Missouri Rural Hospitals Deliver Top Performance

Jefferson City, MO - November 17, 2016 -- The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and iVantage recognize Missouri as having 45 hospitals reach top quartile performance status in *Quality, Outcomes, Patient Satisfaction, and Financial Strength* compared to all acute care hospitals in the nation.

The rankings have been determined through the Hospital Strength INDEX, the industry's most objective and comprehensive assessment of rural hospital performance. In partnership with NOSORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed this data-driven program to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care.

Leaders from rural health communities across the U.S. celebrate **National Rural Health Day** and recognize the tremendous accomplishments that have been achieved in rural healthcare this year. Michael Topchik, National Leader of the recently established Chartis Center for Rural Health, commented, "Rural providers play such a critical role as the safety net for rural America. As we celebrate National Rural Health Day gives us the opportunity to spotlight the great value and importance of rural and critical access hospitals, particularly important as these facilities face unprecedented challenges."

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11 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Quality – Top quartile performers in the Quality-Based pillar of INDEX (AMI, HF, PN, SCIP, OP Process of Care Scores)

COX MONETT HOSPITAL
FITZGIBBON HOSPITAL
HEDRICK MEDICAL CENTER
LAFAYETTE REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER
MERCY HOSPITAL AURORA
MERCY HOSPITAL WASHINGTON
MISSOURI DELTA MEDICAL CENTER
PERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
PIKE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
SSM HEALTH ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL - MARYVILLE
WRIGHT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

9 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Outcomes – Top quartile performers in the Outcomes pillar of INDEX (Patient Safety Indicators, Readmissions, Mortality).

BARTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
COX MEDICAL CENTER BRANSON
MERCY HOSPITAL WASHINGTON
MERCY ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL
MISSOURI BAPTIST SULLIVAN HOSPITAL
NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
PERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
PUTNAM COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
SSM HEALTH ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL - MARYVILLE

8 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Patient Satisfaction – Top quartile performers in the Patient Perspective pillar of INDEX ("HCAHPS Performance").

BARTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
HARRISON COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
MERCY HOSPITAL CASSVILLE
MERCY ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL
MISSOURI DELTA MEDICAL CENTER
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER
SOUTHEAST HEALTH CENTER OF RIPLEY COUNTY

17 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Financial Strength – Top quartile performers in the Financial Stability pillar of INDEX (Leverage, Liquidity, Capital Efficiency, and Resource Availability).

BATES COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CAMERON REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CASS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER CEDAR COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FREEMAN NEOSHO HOSPITAL HEDRICK MEDICAL CENTER LAKE REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM MERCY HOSPITAL CASSVILLE MERCY HOSPITAL LEBANON MERCY HOSPITAL WASHINGTON MERCY ST FRANCIS HOSPITAL MOBERLY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER PERRY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PIKE COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL RAY COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SOUTHEAST HEALTH CENTER OF RIPLEY COUNTY

About NOSORH

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

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